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**U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE  
ON INTELLIGENCE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

July 27, 1979

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

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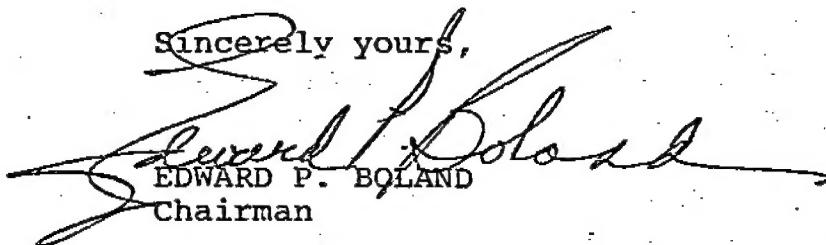
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It seems to me and to the Members of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence that the interests of the Executive Branch, the House of Representatives and the American people are best served if all classified material intended for the use of this Committee and its Members be delivered to the Committee offices in Room H-405, the Capitol, where the Committee's document control system provides appropriate protections for such materials.

I have written to you rather than to Director Turner because the problem appears to extend to departments and agencies beyond his area of authority. This Committee stands ready to assist you in any way to ensure the proper handling of classified intelligence which both branches of government need in order to carry out their respective responsibilities.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
EDWARD P. BOLAND  
Chairman

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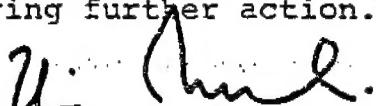
MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL  
INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Letter from Congressman Boland

The President requested that you receive a copy of the attached letter on inadequate procedures for handling classified material.

We are preparing a draft for Frank Moore's response, and are considering further action.

  
Zbigniew Brzezinski

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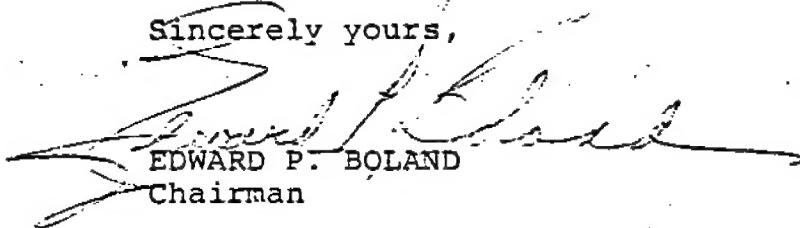
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